



HUS HAPPENINGS

AUGUST 2009

120 YEARS OF SERVING CHRIST

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Christmas Everyday!

Can you imagine having a Christmas everyday? That's right, everyday you wake up to the joy and expectation of unwrapping a gift that can bring you pleasure, excitement and fulfill your life. Well, in some way for each of us who have embraced the Good News of Jesus and have received by faith his gift of salvation we have Christmas everyday. The Apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 4:10 that "God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts." We are then called to "manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."

Each and everyday we can look forward to another day to unwrap the "spiritual gift" that God has given each of us and face the great adventure of how we are going to be called upon to use that great gift so others can be blessed, we can be fulfilled and God can smile! Yes, Christmas each and everyday!



You have a gift from God that you can use as God leads you. Do you know what your gift is? If so use it and bless others, yourself and make God smile! If not, join me on the journey of discovery so you can discover your gift so you can enjoy Christmas everyday.

Pastor Mel Ramos

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"When you arise in the morning, think of what a privilege it is to be alive -
to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love." -Marcus Aurelius

This Month's Birthdays



August Birthdays

- 7 Mike Hebert
- 8 Grace Ford
- 15 Judy McLaskey
- 16 Mel Ramos
- 19 Lois Snyder
- 27 Lois Wegner
- 28 Dot Harrelson
- 29 Eldie Svoboda
- 31 Clarence Walton



August Anniversaries

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| 2 | Carl & Evelyn Studt | 56 years |
| 2 | Clarence & Wendy Walton | 34 years |
| 6 | Dennis & Joyce McGivern | 21 years |
| 19 | Bill & Helen Faltis | 68 years |
| 23 | Jim & Sue Rairdin | 12 years |
| 30 | Mel & Jeri Ramos | 23 years |



Ushers & Greeters



August 2nd

Randy & Cathi Havel
Grace Ford and Jean White

August 9th

Dot Harrelson and Jack Funcke
Helen Anderson and Joan Cross

August 16th

Marj Nejd and Marge Pace
Lisa & Brianna McAtee

August 23rd

BOOM Sunday

August 30th

Anne McDill and Diane Van Wyk

People see God every day; they just don't recognize him.
—Pearl Bailey

JOIN HUS PRESBYTERIAN AND CHRIST CHURCH FOR VBS

AUGUST 10-14
5:30-8 PM



Miss a sermon?
Listen online at
www.huschurch.org!

What Would We Know

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42a). This was the Scripture for Pastor Mel's teaching titled "Being Fully Devoted to the Apostles' Teaching" this past Sunday. When he reminded us that when the New Testament church came into being they did not have the part of the Bible we call the New Testament. All they had was the Torah. At that point, all I could think of was the Downhere song "Cathedral Made of People" from the album "Ending Is Beginning":

*If they shut down the churches
Where would you go?
If they melted all the stained-glass windows
Replaced every sanctuary with a condo
Where would you go?
Where would you go?*

*We are a cathedral made of people
In a kingdom that the eye can't see
We're a house, we are the bride
Where God's Spirit lives inside
And nothing ever could stand against her*

*If they burned every Bible
What would you know?*

*If they tore your marked-up pages
How would you grow?
And declared your devotion to be criminal
What would you know?
What would you know?*

*When they throw you in prison
What will you do?
When they hate you for the things
That you know are true
They can tear down this temple
But they can't touch you*

*We are a cathedral made of people
In a kingdom that the eye can't see
We're a house, we are the bride
Where God's Spirit lives inside
And nothing ever could stand against her*

Pastor Mel's sermon certainly got me to thinking. Could you and I survive without the

church building? How would we learn? Who would teach us? I know we could survive without the building. But without a Bible? That would be a lot harder. What some of you may not know is that before any of the books of the Bible were written more than 3,000 years ago, the stories and songs were passed from one generation to another by word of mouth. It makes me wonder if we would be more devoted followers if we had to learn God's Word by memorizing it. All of it. All 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament. How can we become better students of God's Word?

A few weeks ago, Pastor Mel introduced our congregation to "Life Journals". The reading plan that is introduced will take us through the entire Bible once a year. We have an opportunity to become more intimately acquainted with God's Word by journaling using the SOAP method (Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer). We could then answer the questions in Downhere's song:

What would you know? We would know the Scriptures because we studied them intimately.

How would you grow? What will you do? The same thing Marcia did when she was having her MRI done. Singing the songs of worship and going over the Scriptures because they would be written on our hearts from our time in the Word. "We are a cathedral made of people in a kingdom that the eye can't see. We're a house, we are the bride where God's Spirit lives inside and nothing ever could stand against her." Nothing can stand against God's Word. My challenge to you ... join us in journaling our lives.

Living Outrageously for Christ,

Terry

Adult Readings from the Life Journal - August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Aug 1 Is. 65, 66; Ps 62; Jn. 3
Aug 2 2 Ki. 21; 2 Chr. 33; Jn. 4	Aug 3 Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5	Aug 4 2 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 34; Jn. 6	Aug 5 2 Ki. 23; 2 Chr. 35; Jn. 7	Aug 6 Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8	Aug 7 Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9	Aug 8 Jer. 1, 2; Jn. 10
Aug 9 Jer. 3, 4; Jn. 11	Aug 10 Jer. 5, 6; Jn. 12	Aug 11 Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13	Aug 12 Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14	Aug 13 Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15	Aug 14 Jer. 16, 17; Ps. 96; Jn. 16	Aug 15 Jer. 18-20; Ps. 93; Jn. 17
Aug 16 2 Ki. 24; Jer. 22; Ps. 112; Jn. 18	Aug 17 Jer. 23-25; Jn. 19	Aug 18 Jer. 26, 35, 36; Jn. 20	Aug 19 Jer. 45-47; Ps. 105; Jn. 21	Aug 20 Jer. 48, 49; Ps. 67; 1 Jn. 1	Aug 21 Jer. 21, 24, 27; Ps. 118; 1 Jn. 2	Aug 22 Jer. 28-30; 1 Jn. 3
Aug 23 Jer. 31, 31; 1 Jn. 4	Aug 24 Jer. 33, 34; Ps. 74; 1 Jn. 5	Aug 25 Jer. 37-39; Ps. 79; 2 Jn.	Aug 26 Jer. 50, 51; 3 Jn.	Aug 27 Jer. 52; Rev. 1; Ps. 143, 144	Aug 28 Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2	Aug 29 Ezek. 4-7; Rev. 3
Aug 30 Ezek. 8-11; Rev. 4	Aug 31 Ezek. 12-14; Rev. 5					

Life journals are available for kids, teens and adults through the church office.

Please call the office for more details.

Journaling is an excellent way to both record and process what God has spoken to us. It's also a useful tool to use at a later time, to reflect on and review some of the 'gems' that you have received. Without writing them down, you may forget those blessings and some very important lessons! And while journaling is a very personal time with the Lord, you may want to share some of your daily journaling with your small group or mentors. Through discussion, you may be able to look deeper into what God is speaking to you, gain new insight and even encourage others.

S for Scripture

Open your Bible to the reading found under today's date of your Bible bookmark. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

O for Observation

What do you think God is saying to you in this scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you. Paraphrase and write this scripture down in your own words, in your journal.

A for Application

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P for Prayer

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

Sunday in the Park - August 30th, 10:00 AM

Jones Park Pavilion (use the 29th Avenue entrance)

Bathrooms and playground next to the pavilion.

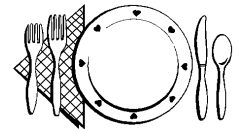
Worship service begins at 10:00 AM.

Fun and casual service full of old time gospel music.

Potluck picnic following the service. Beverages will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share, table service and lawn chairs.

Join us for a day of worship and fellowship!



His Princess®

C O N F E R E N C E

August 15th, 9 AM - Noon — Hus Presbyterian Church

Join speaker and best-selling author
Sheri Rose Shepherd for a morning
you won't forget...

Come ***Laugh, Learn*** and *Fall in*
Love with ***God*** All Over Again!

Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door

Ice Cream Carnival

August 5th, 6-8 pm

Free!

Free!

Join us for a night of free family activities.

Music, kid's program, games, prizes, crafts, temporary tattoos, inflatables and much more!

Hot dogs, desserts, lemonade and ice cream!

Everyone is welcomed!



Wanted - Choir Members

Positions open:	Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No others need apply!
Physical qualifications:	Must be able to carry light musical note part across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see the director from 20 feet away.
Experience:	No application accepted who have not sung, hummed or whistled while in the shower or tub.
Wages:	Satisfaction and joy in God's service.
Fringe benefits:	Social security (we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.
Hours:	Sunday mornings with the occasional opportunity for overtime (at the above wages).
Vacation:	Missed rehearsals & services are primarily a matter of conscience & ability to return the glares & pointed remarks of the director.
Rehearsals:	Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in the choir room starting on September 2nd.
Apply:	By attending the rehearsals of the season.

Come and join us in Music Ministry at Hus!

Everyone is welcomed. Remember this.....if only the birds with the best voices ever sang, what a quiet forest it would be.





August 15th—16th

8 PM—11 AM

**Middle and High
school students
Games, contests
food and
fun for all!**



Back to School Bash

August 19th

5:30—8 PM





Just for KIDS

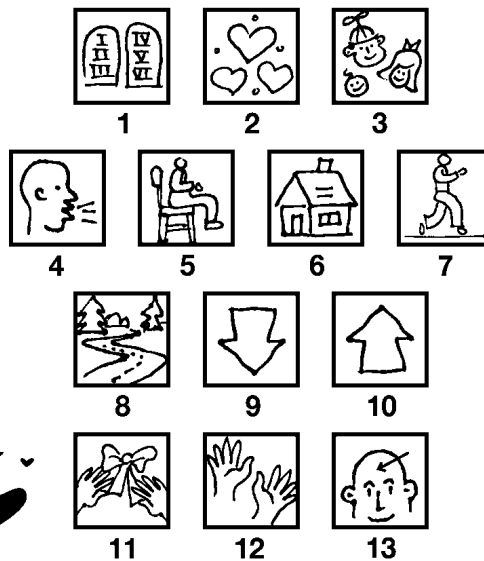
Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



"These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____."

Answers: 1) commandments; 2) hearts; 3) children; 4) Talk; 5) sit; 6) home; 7) walk; 8) road; 9) down; 10) up; 11) Tie; 12) hands; 13) foreheads



Memory Verse Games



Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Sneaker Sunday Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching	3 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	4 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study-- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Local 262 - 6 PM	5 Ice Cream Carnival-- 6-8 PM 	6 Red Hat Ladies-- 4 PM Music Lessons	7	8 Hus Racing League- Registration - 9:30 AM Racing - 10 AM 
9 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Communion served Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching Visioning meeting-- 3 PM at Mel's home	10 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	11 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study-- 1:30 PM Music Lessons	12 Youth Group - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	13 Music Lessons	14	15 Treasures of Truth Women's Conference-- 9 AM--noon Youth Lock-in-- 8 PM
16 Worship Service - 9:30 AM Pastor Mel Ramos Teaching	17 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	18 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study-- 1:30 PM Music Lessons Session Meeting-- 7 PM	19 Youth Group, Back to School Bash - 5:30 PM Worship Team - 7:15 PM	20 Music Lessons	21	22
23 Worship Service - 9:30 AM BOOM Sunday Visioning meeting-- 3 PM at Mel's home	24 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	25 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study-- 1:30 PM Music Lessons	26 Youth Group - 5:30 PM	27 Lunch Bunch-- 11:30 AM Music Lessons	28	29
30 Worship in the Park - 10:00 AM Karen McCaa Teaching Potluck after service	31 Music Lessons Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM		<div> <p>Wednesday Meal and Choir will begin on September 2nd.</p> <p>Sunday School will begin on September 13th.</p> </div>			

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**Youth Group
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